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23 April 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Highlights of 22 April Meeting of "Indo China Steering Group"

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1. There was a brief discussion of belated knowledge that [REDACTED] teams being used against the Chinese road had been issuing reports (some 15 to 20 in number) that are out-and-out fabrications. I questioned the nature of any requirement for intelligence collection by these teams, particularly in view of the availability of information from other sources. The teams were intended to make day to day truck counts and carry out certain psychological missions such as distributing leaflets and inspiring defections.

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2. [REDACTED] noted that there is a growing morale problem afflicting [REDACTED]. Many feel they have been extended beyond originally outlined tours. One particular issue was [REDACTED] unhappiness about a USAF plan to close up a hospital which had been available [REDACTED]. We have succeeded in stopping temporarily the closing of this facility.

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3. [REDACTED] both reported briefly on growing Congressional concern about killings of civilians in Vietnam. The [REDACTED] program is a particular target in this regard.

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4. [REDACTED] reported that the Director had received a new note from Henry Kissinger asking, in the light of recent CIA publications concerning infiltration, what can be done to improve our [REDACTED] take on this subject.

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5. [REDACTED] also noted that the State/Defense team which was established by the White House to assess the situation and prospects in Cambodia has asked for a CIA paper on the subject by 10 May. OCI and OER will doubtless be involved in the preparation of this.

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SUBJECT: Highlights of 25 March Meeting of "Indo China Steering Group"

- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] reported there were no major current problems with respect to the Meos in Long Tien. He reported that [REDACTED] are asking for approval to put some forces into Laos in order to block off any Communist assistance.] [REDACTED] 25X6
- 25X6 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] noted that a company of FAR troops protecting the King in Luang Prabang laid down their arms and have disappeared into the citizenry. 25X1A
- 25X6 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] has ended and the [REDACTED] have pulled back. Nothing further along this line is intended for a while. 25X1A
- 25X1A 25X1C 4. [REDACTED] referred to lengthy reporting received [REDACTED] recently concerning Edgar Snow's four interviews with Mao. Mao's comments cover the domestic and foreign scene. Mao seeks good relations with the US but said the US must leave Indochina and "talk seriously" about Taiwan. Mao labeled the Soviets as China's "greatest enemy." Mao called his biggest problem that of rebuilding the party and the government. He distrusts much of the officialdom in both institutions. The reports will be disseminated today or tomorrow. 25X1C
- 25X1A 5. [REDACTED] of SAVA reported that "CINCPAC" has ordered that there be no reduction in the [REDACTED] carried out in Southeast Asia. 25X1C
- 25X1A 6. [REDACTED] of ONE mentioned the scheduling of a Thai estimate due to be out in late April or early May.
- 25X1A 7. [REDACTED] reported that the special China watching group has suspended its operations with the termination of [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED] sought clarification as to whether we are still prohibited from mentioning in our publications [REDACTED]

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9. [REDACTED] reported that an OCI/OSR/OER memo will be done in the next week or so on the Chinese road construction in northwest Laos. There was a brief discussion of the rather large amount of Chicom AAA weaponry in this area.

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10. [REDACTED] referred to the release this morning by the DCI of a memo (SC 04513/71) on the impact of logistics on NVA offensive capabilities. This memo was done by [REDACTED] and company [REDACTED] WSAG. There was disappointment that time did not permit the full coordination as had been planned of this memo. [REDACTED] explained that the memo grew from earlier WSAG meetings in which there had been division of opinion between CIA and DOD on the logistics situation. Kissinger had hoped this time for a coordinated paper. DIA did not want to coordinate and has done their own; so did we. The papers will be taken up at a meeting of WSAG tomorrow.

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11. [REDACTED] reported on discussions with Secretary Laird early this week alerting the Secretary to possible future Agency needs in Southeast Asia for more air support, funding and personnel assistance if current programs are to continue.

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12. [REDACTED] reported on recent WSAG meetings at which DOD representatives had been very bullish about the effectiveness of [REDACTED] and the Chup operations. Kissinger seemed quite cool to a lot he was told.

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13. [REDACTED] reported that the Director's meeting with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee this week went well. The Committee appears to be quite anxious to have another go at Lieutenant General Vogt who in early February had briefed the Committee on the high

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prospects for success of [REDACTED]

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